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CRR Diary, 2 July 1951 (AD/RR information unless otherwise stated)

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OAD/RR: [REDACTED] made separate visits to Dr. Harvey, OIR, STATE, Dr. Allen, A-2, and Lt. Colonel Ewing, G-2, to discuss SOVIET PRODUCTION OF ARMAMENT AND CONSUMER GOODS as they effect Soviet capabilities for aggression. Conclusions of these discussions were embodied in a memorandum for the DCI.

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D/A: [REDACTED] OPC, conferred with D/A re SOVIET PROCUREMENT, LEGAL AND ILLEGAL, OF STRATEGIC MATERIALS FROM CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. (1 hr) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Export Policy to review the US 1-A List preparatory to the forthcoming COCOM negotiations. The CIA representative concurred in retaining all items on the US 1-A List, but State and ECA reserved exceptions in the case of aluminum, medium size ball bearings, and coal mining equipment. Certain types of compressors, not elsewhere specified, and small power shovels were referred to technical task groups. IM-356 on MINING MACHINERY and IM-357 on CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD-BUILDING EQUIPMENT were quoted in their entirety in ACEP Document No. 74.1, submitted by the Defense representative. The CIA representatives submitted orally intelligence pertaining to the other items, assembled in cooperation with other divisions of CRR. The ECA representative, in urging the downgrading of aluminum, quoted NIE-22: "(Soviet bloc) Aluminum capacity is satisfactory with the possible exception of facilities for producing aluminum foil." The CIA representative submitted orally additional information and AGREED TO SUBMIT A MEMORANDUM ON ALUMINUM. (2-1/2 hrs) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] conferred with [REDACTED] of OSI, and OBTAINED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING DATA ON OPTICAL CURVE GENERATORS for presentation at the ACEP meeting of 29 June. (1-1/2 hrs) (28 - 29 June)

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D/I: [REDACTED] discussed with [REDACTED], FDD, the RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS OF D/I PERTAINING TO THE MINISTRIES OF AUTO AND TRACTOR INDUSTRY and of AGRICULTURAL MACHINE BUILDING. [REDACTED] was loaned copies of D/I Task Force I papers for study by personnel in his section of FDD. (1 hr) (2 July)

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D/S:

Mr. Lind of Transportation Corps, ARMY, gave [REDACTED] (S/TR) some material compiled by Transportation Corps in partial fulfillment of a requirement on RUMANIAN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION prepared by OCI. (1/2 hr) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] met with Mr. Richard H. Davis, Chief of the USSR Desk, Department of STATE, and a Mr. John Smith who was chosen and is being groomed by the Department of State without reference to the US Department of Agriculture as the NEXT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW. Mr. Smith majored in English at a southern University. The opportunity was taken to give Mr. Davis our INFORMAL VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL SELECTION OF AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC ATTACHES. In practice, the Secretary of Agriculture nominates candidates for positions of Agricultural Attaches. As concerns Economic Attaches, Mr. Davis stated he was dissatisfied with the present arrangement of appointments to Moscow. He appeared to be

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[REDACTED] but said he was obliged to accept Dr. Mose Harvey's nominee. (1-1/2 hrs) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] discussed informally with Dr. Herbert Block, DRS, Department of STATE, the POSSIBILITIES OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF ECONOMIC REPORTING FROM THE MOSCOW EMBASSY. Dr. Block said the reporting fell to an all-time low and agreed that certain steps, as regards recruitment and briefing, should be taken immediately. He offered to discuss the matter with Dr. Mose Harvey. (1-1/4 hrs) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] (M/FM) attended meeting in Department of STATE of SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PREVENTION OF FINNISH ENGINEER, who is in the US, FROM OBTAINING TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND MACHINERY WHICH WOULD ENABLE FINLAND TO INCREASE COBALT PRODUCTION FROM 100 TONS TO 600 TONS ANNUALLY. It was agreed that cobalt was of a very strategic nature and in short supply in the USSR, also that if increased production would likely be taken over by Soviets, steps should be taken to prevent output. First steps were: (1) to locate Finnish engineer and if possible bring him to Washington for interrogation, also determine if he has already made contacts with US industry; (2) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of OSI consulted with [REDACTED] (M/FH) regarding STATUS OF POWDER METALLURGY IN USSR. (1/2 hr) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] conferred with Nuclear Energy Division, OSI, in order to establish SOURCES OF HELIUM, ESPECIALLY IN THE SOVIET ORBIT. Helium in the past several years has found use in several applications other than "lighter than air" aircraft. It is important to the Nuclear Energy program and also in the super-finish casting of precision metal parts. (1 hr) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] of OCI requested information from [REDACTED] Petroleum Branch, on POSSIBLE SOURCE OF OIL FOR INDIA IN THE EVENT IRANIAN OIL IS CUT OFF. (1/2 hr) (29 June)

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[REDACTED] had a discussion with Lieutenant Allegretti of ONI concerning POSITION OF USSR WITH REGARD TO SOVIET ROCKET PROPPELLANTS. (1 hr) (29 June)

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Balance of ORR - Nothing to report

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